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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC) TO HOLD OCTOBER 14, 2010 INITIAL PUBLIC USABILITY TEST SESSIONS FOR THE PROPOSED CONSOLIDATED LICENSING SYSTEM

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) invites the public to participate in initial usability test sessions for the proposed Consolidated Licensing System (CLS) on Thursday, October 14, 2010. This session is another step in the Commission's ongoing effort to improve its spectrum management and to develop a transparent, easily accessible, data driven, efficient, cost-effective and green consolidated licensing system. A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) will be forthcoming to seek comment on potential features of CLS and proposed changes to the Commission's application forms. Feedback received from the usability test sessions will be incorporated into the design of CLS where appropriate.

The usability test sessions will take place at the Washington, DC headquarters building, 445 Twelfth Street, S.W., in Room TW-B445b/c, and will focus on potential modifications to the application filing process for radio and television broadcast services. Currently, sessions are planned from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. If the Commission receives enough public responses to participate, an additional session will be scheduled from 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. on the same day. Interested parties must preregister for the event by October 13, 2010. Preregistration information is located at the bottom of the Public Notice.

The October 14, 2010, usability test sessions are a part of the FCC's efforts to encourage the public's input and participation with the development of the agency-wide CLS. As CLS is developed, the Commission plans to hold additional public usability test sessions and other outreach activities. Because of the complexity and size of this project, the Commission expects to deploy the new consolidated licensing system in phases. While the consolidated system will be implemented over a period of years, many new features will become available once a service is deployed. We note that the Commission has established a page for the CLS on its "Reboot" web site and interested parties can participate in on-line discussions there -- <http://reboot.fcc.gov/reform/systems/cls>.

Usability Testing

The usability test sessions will consist of participants sitting down at a computer to complete a series of application filings based on real-world use cases. Participants will be using working models of CLS screen mock-ups. A member of the Commission's Information Technology Center (ITC) staff will observe each session to gain insight on further potential improvements to CLS as it continues to be developed. Because the filing scenarios for this session involve radio and television broadcast services, we are especially interested in having participants that are familiar with these services, including those that currently submit filings in the Consolidated Database System (CDBS). As the CLS continues to be developed, we will announce future usability test sessions that will include scenarios for additional types of authorizations.

Remote Attendance

Due to the nature of usability testing, the Commission cannot accommodate remote attendance but encourages interested parties who will be in the Washington, D.C. area to participate and provide feedback.

Reasonable Accommodations

Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities are available upon timely request. Such requests should include a description of the accommodation you will need with as much detail as possible and a way to contact the person making the request if more information is needed. Please allow at least five days advance notice. Requests made closer to the date of the event will be accepted, but regretfully may not be possible to accommodate. Send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

Registration

Pre-registration is required. Please pre-register for the usability test sessions by contacting Eugene Chun by telephone at 202-513-4575 or email at echun@fcc.gov by October 13, 2010. Please provide your name, organization, telephone number and e-mail address. We will confirm your registration by return email. For additional questions, please contact Pat Rinn, Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Managing Director at prinn@fcc.gov or 202-414-1223.

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